

IN THE CLAIMS

1. **(Original)** A method of providing specific usage related information directly to a computer user, the method comprising:

providing a dedicated user interface for Internet usage by a computer user;
monitoring the internet usage by the computer user through the dedicated user interface;
identifying specific information relevant to the internet usage by the computer user;
modifying the dedicated user interface dependent on the internet usage by the user, to provide access to the identified information.

2. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein, on a user accessing an internet site, the identified information includes information relating to at least one other internet site, from at least one menu defined by another user.

3. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the or each menu is selected as a source of the identified information because the or each selected menu also includes information related to the accessed internet site.

4. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim 2 ~~or 3~~ wherein the accessed internet site contains at least one link to a further linked internet site, and the or each menu is selected as a source of the identified information because the or each selected menu also includes information related to the or at least one linked internet site.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim 2, ~~3, or 4~~ wherein the other user has a usage history and the or each defined menu is selected as a source of the identified

information because the usage history indicates that the other user has visited either the accessed site or a site linked from it.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein details of historical internet usage by several computer users are stored in usage histories, including details relating to the information sources accessed by the computer users;

the usage histories are ~~analysed~~ analyzed to determine the most commonly accessed sources of information;

each of the most commonly accessed sources of information, for all users, is allocated to at least one topic; and

the usage history of each computer user is ~~analysed~~ analyzed to identify which computer users have expressed an interest in the or each topic;

wherein, the identified information includes information relating to any topic in which the computer user has expressed an interest.

7. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the usage histories are analysed to determine the most commonly accessed topics and related resources are associated with the most commonly accessed topics;

wherein, the identified information further includes the related resources associated with any topic in which the computer user has expressed an interest.

8. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 in which access to at least some of the identified information is provided via a hierarchical menu.

9. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for providing specific usage related information directly to a computer user, the ~~method~~ apparatus comprising:

means for providing a dedicated user interface for internet usage by a computer user;

means for monitoring the internet usage by the computer user through the dedicated user interface;

means for identifying specific information relevant to the internet usage by the computer user;

means for modifying the dedicated user interface dependent on the internet usage by the user, to provide access to the identified information.

10. **(Original)** An apparatus as claimed in claim 9 wherein, on a user accessing an internet site, the identified information includes information relating to at least one other internet site, from at least one menu defined by another user.

11. **(Original)** An apparatus as claimed in claim 10 wherein the or each menu is selected as a source of the identified information because the or each selected menu also includes information related to the accessed internet site.

12. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus as claimed in claim 10 ~~or 11~~ wherein the accessed internet site contains at least one link to a further linked internet site, and the or each menu is selected as a source of the identified information because the or each selected menu also includes information related to the or at least one linked internet site.

13. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus as claimed in claim 10, ~~11, or 12~~ wherein the other user has a usage history and the or each defined menu is selected as a source of the identified information because the usage history indicates that the other user has visited either the accessed site or a site linked from it.

14. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 9 wherein details of historical internet usage by several computer users are stored in usage histories, including details relating to the information sources accessed by the computer users;

the usage histories are ~~analysed~~ analyzed to determine the most commonly accessed sources of information;

each of the most commonly accessed sources-of information, for all users, is allocated to at least one topic; and

the usage history of each computer user is ~~analysed~~ analyzed to identify which computer users have expressed an interest in the or each topic;

wherein, the identified information includes information relating to any topic in which the computer user has expressed an interest.

15. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus as claimed in claim 14 wherein the usage histories are ~~analysed~~ analyzed to determine the most commonly accessed topics and related resources are associated with the most commonly accessed topics;

wherein, the identified information further includes the related resources associated with any topic in which the computer user has expressed an interest.

16. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 9 in which access to at least some of the identified information is provided via a hierarchical menu.